GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
PRICE OF COAL AND LIGNITE
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) prices of Run of Mines ROM coal of different grades of different mines from October, 1994 till date;

(b) the number of times prices of coal have been revised since October, 1994 till date;

(c) the number of times royalty on coal has been raised during the said period;

(d) ash contents of different grades of coal of different mines;

(e) the date on which royalty on Lignite was last reviewed;

(f) the present royalty rate of Lignite and the rate prior to this; g) whether with any grade of Coal Lignite is equivalent; h) if so, the details thereof; and i) the Royalty of Mines prices of Lignite during the last several years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The prices of Run of Mines (ROM) coal of different grades from October, 1994 till date are given at Annexure- I. The prices notified by Coal India Limited(CIL)are usually in respect of the grades of coal detailed in the price notification across all the mines of its respective subsidiary coal companies unless specific price is fixed in respect of coal from any mine either under any Fuel Supply Agreement or for any other special or technical consideration.

(b): The number of times prices of coal have been revised subsidiary-wise since October, 1994 are as follows :-

Sl. No.	Name of the subsidiary company of Coal India Limited	Number of time prices were revised since 1994
1.	Eastern Coalfields Limited	10
2.	Bharat Coking Coal Limited	8
3.	Central Coalfields Limited	8
4.	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	6
5.	Western Coalfields Limited	8
6.	South Eastern Coalfields Limited	6
7	Northern Coalfields Limited	7
8.	North Eastern Coalfields	2

(c): The rates of royalty on coal have not been revised since October, 1994.

(d): Ash content of different grades of coal is given at Annexure-ll.

(e): The royalty rate on lignite was last revised on 15th March, 2001.

(f): The rate of royalty on lignite was revised from Rs. 2.50 per tonne to Rs. 50.00 per tonne on 15th March, 2001.

(g)&(h): With gross calorific value of lignite ranging between 2600 to 2800 kilocalories/kg. lignite cannot be equated even with lower grades of non-coking coal in terms of calorific value due to its high moisture content and much lower fixed carbon content.

(i) The rate of royalty on lignite is determined by the Central government and is uniformly applicable to all the States. The rates of royalty on lignite since 1990 are given below:

Rate of Royalty (Rs. Per tonne of production)	With effect from (date)
2.50	21.7.1990
50.00	15.3.2001

(Annexure referred to in part (d) of the answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.355 for 16.7.2002)

Annexure-I

PRICE OF ROM COAL OVER THE YEARS PRICE AS ON

BHARAT COKING COAL (Fig. In Rs.)
TD.

16.06.94	29.1.95	31.03.96	19.10.96	31.03.97	30.09.97	21.08.98	11.04.2000	31.01.2001
LONG FLAME COAL								
A	667	702	831	924	924	924	970	1019	1121
B	611	646	752	836	836	836	878	922	1014
C	538	573	650	698	698	698	733	770	847
D	431	466	466	466	584	584	625	656	722
NON LONG FLAME COAL									
A	642	642	771	864	864	864	907	952	1047
B	586	586	692	776	776	776	815	856	942
C	513	513	590	638	638	638	670	704	774
D	406	406	406	406	524	524	561	589	648
E	322	322	322	322	416	416	445	467	514
F	257	257	257	257	332	332	355	373	410
G	183	183	183	183	237	237	254	267	294
COKING COAL :									
(For collieries listed in Annexure III)									
Steel Grade I			Annexure III was introduced from 21.08.98		1657	1740	1914		
Steel Grade II					1384	1453	1598		

Washery Grade I						1199	1259	1385		
Washery Grade II						993	1043	1147		
Washery Grade III						734	771	848		
Washery Grade IV						683	717	789		
Semi Coking Grade I						1156	1214	1335		
Semi Coking Grade II						957	1005	1106		
Steel Grade I	1048	1048	1310	1468	1468	1541	1541	1541	1695	
Steel Grade II	875	875	1094	1226	1226	1287	1287	1287	1416	
Washery Grade I	758	758	948	1062	1062	1115	1115	1115	1227	
Washery Grade II	628	628	785	880	880	924	924	924	1016	
Washery Grade III	483	483	580	650	650	683	683	683	751	
Washery Grade IV	450	450	540	605	605	635	635	635	699	
Semi Coking Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1075	1075	1075	1183	
Semi Coking Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	890	890	890	979	

ANNEXURE 1

EASTERN COALFIELDS LTD. PRICE OF ROM COAL OVER THE YEARS (Fig. In Rs.)

PRICE AS ON

	16.06.94	29.12.95	31.03.96	19.10.96	31.03.97	30.09.97	21.08.98	05.01.99	20.04.2000	31.01.2001
RANIGUNJ :-										
Coal produced in collieries listed in Annexure I										
A	733.70	772.00	914	1017	1017	1068	1121	1180	1262	1388
B	672.10	710.60	827	920	920	966	1014	1115	1193	1312
C	591.80	630.30	715	768	768	806	846	950	1016	1118
D	474.10	512.60	512.60	512.60	643	643	688	770	823	905
LONG FLAME COAL										
A	667	702	831	924	924	970	1019	1073	1148	1263
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	922	1014	1084	1192
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	770	865	925	1018
D	431	466	466	466	584	584	625	700	749	824
NON LONG FLAME COAL										
A	642	642	771	864	864	907	952	1006	1076	1184
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	856	948	1014	1115
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	704	799	854	939
D	406	406	406	406	524	524	561	636	680	748
E	322	322	322	322	416	416	445	445	476	524
F	257	257	257	257	332	332	355	355	379	417
G	183	183	183	183	237	237	254	254	271	298
SALANPUR :-										
NON LONG FLAME COAL										
A	642	642	771	864	864	907	952	1000	1070	1177
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	856	900	963	1059
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	704	740	791	870
D	406	406	406	406	524	524	561	590	631	694
E	322	322	322	322	416	416	445	445	476	524
F	257	257	257	257	332	332	355	355	379	417
G	183	183	183	183	237	237	254	254	271	298

ANNEXURE 1 PRICE OF ROM COAL OVER THE YEARS

EASTERN COALFIELDS LTD. PRICE AS ON (Fig. In Rs.)

	16.06.94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03.97	30.0 9.97	21.0 8.98	20.04.2000	31.01.2001	10.09.2001
SP MINES :-										
Coal produced in collieries listed in Annexure I										
A	733.7	772.	914	1017	1017	1068	1121	1199	1319	1628
0 20										
B	672.1	710.	827	920	920	966	1014	1084	1192	1447
0 60										
C	591.8	630.	715	768	768	806	846	905	996	1211
0 30										
D	474.1	512.	512.	512.60	643	643	688	736	810	974
0 60 60										
LONG FLAME COAL										
A	667	702	831	924	924	970	1019	1090	1199	1480
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	922	986	1085	1317
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	770	823	905	1100
D	431	466	466	466	584	584	625	668	735	884
NON LONG FLAME COAL										
A	642	642	771	864	864	907	952	1018	1120	1382
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	856	915	1007	1222
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	704	753	828	1006
D	406	406	406	406	524	524	561	600	660	794
E	322	322	322	322	416	416	445	476	524	630
F	257	257	257	257	332	332	355	379	417	502
G	183	183	183	183	237	237	254	271	298	358
MUGMA :-										
LONG FLAME COAL										
A	667	702	831	924	924	970	1019	1090	1199	1440
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	922	986	1085	1290
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	770	823	905	1093
D	431	466	466	466	584	584	625	668	735	895

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PRICE OF ROM COAL
OVER THE YEARS
PRICE AS ON
EASTERN COALFIELDS
LTD.

(Fig.
In Rs.)

	16.06.94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03.97	31.0 9.97	21.0 8.98	20.04.2000	31.01.2001	10.09.2001
MUGMA :-										
NON LONG FLAME COAL										
A	642	642	771	864	864	907	952	1018	1120	1345
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	856	915	1007	1197
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	704	753	828	1000
D	406	406	406	406	524	524	561	600	660	804
E	322	322	322	322	416	416	445	476	524	591
F	257	257	257	257	332	332	355	379	417	476
G	183	183	183	183	237	237	254	271	298	327

	16.06.94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	22.04.96	19.10.96	31.0 3.97	31.0 9.97	21.08.98	20.04.2000	31.01.2001
RAJMAHAL PROJECT										
LONG FLAME COAL										
D	431	466	466	609	609	727	727	778	832	915
NON LONG FLAME COAL										
E	322	322	322	465	465	559	559	598	639	703

F	257	257	257	400	400	475	475	508	543	597
G	183	183	183	326	326	380	380	407	435	479

16.06.94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03. 97	31.0 9.97	21.0 8.98	05.01. 99	20.04. 2000	31.01.2 001	
COKING COAL :										
Steel Grade I	1048	1048	1310							
Steel Grade II	875	875	1094							
Washery Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1024	1115	1193	1312
Washery Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	848	848	924	988	1087
Washery Grade III	483	483	580	627	627	627	627	683	730	803
Washery Grade IV	450	450	540	584	584	584	584	635	679	747
Semi Coking Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1024	1156	1236	1360
Semi Coking Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	848	848	957	1024	1126

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PRICE OF ROM COAL
OVER THE YEARS
PRICE AS ON

CENTRAL COALFIELDS LTD. (Fig. In Rs.)

16.06.94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03. 97	21.0 8.98	31.0 5.99	14.07. 2000	31.01. 2001	
LONG FLAME COAL									
A	667	702	831	924	924	970	1019	1070	1177
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	922	968	1065
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	770	809	890
D	431	466	466	466	584	625	656	689	758
NON LONG FLAME COAL									
A	642	642	771	864	864	907	952	1000	1100
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	856	899	989
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	704	739	813
D	406	406	406	406	524	561	589	618	680
E	322	322	322	322	416	445	467	490	539
F	257	257	257	257	332	355	373	392	431
G	183	183	183	183	237	254	267	280	308

COKING COAL :										
Steel Grade I	1048	1048	1310							
Steel Grade II	875	875	1094							
Washery Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1075	1115	1115	1287	
Washery Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	890	924	970	1067	
Washery Grade III	483	483	580	627	627	658	683	717	789	
Washery Grade IV	450	450	540	584	584	613	635	667	734	
Semi Coking Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1075	1075	1075	1241	
Semi Coking Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	890	890	890	1027	

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PRICE OF ROM COAL
OVER THE YEARS
PRICE AS ON (Fig . In Rs.)

MAHANADI COALFIELDS LTD.

16.06 29.1 31.0 19.10.96 31.03. 21.0 31.0
.94 2.95 3.96 97 8.98 1.20
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LONG FLAME COAL

A	667	702	799	888	888	932	979
B	611	646	723	803	803	843	885
C	538	573	625	671	671	705	740
D	431	466	466	466	564	603	633

NON LONG FLAME COAL

A	642	642	739	828	828	869	912
B	586	586	663	743	743	780	819
C	513	513	565	611	611	642	674
D	406	406	406	406	504	539	566
E	322	322	322	322	400	428	445
F	257	257	257	257	319	341	351
G	183	183	183	183	227	243	250

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PRICE OF ROM COAL
OVER THE YEARS
PRICE AS ON (Fig. In Rs.)

WESTERN COALFIELDS
LTD.

	16.06 .94	29.1 2.95	22.0 3.96	31.03.96	19.10. 96	31.0 3.97	30.0 9.97	21.08. 98	31.01. 2001		
LONG FLAME COAL											
A	667	702	702	849	996	996	996	1036	1083		
B	611	646	646	793	940	940	940	978	1022		
C	538	573	573	720	855	855	879	914	955		
D	431	466	644	644	644	814	814	863	902		
NON LONG FLAME COAL											
A	642	642	642	789	936	936	936	973	1017		
B	586	586	586	733	880	880	880	915	956		
C	513	513	513	660	795	795	819	852	890		
D	406	406	584	584	584	754	754	799	835		
E	322	322	486	486	486	627	627	665	708		
F	257	257	405	405	405	523	523	554	590		
G	183	183	305	305	305	394	394	418	445		
COKING COAL :											
Steel Grade I	1048	1048	1048	1310							
Steel Grade II	875	875	875	1094							
Washery Grade I	758	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1024	1075		
Washery Grade II	628	628	628	785	848	848	848	848	890		
Washery Grade III	483	483	483	580	765	765	765	765	803		
Washery Grade IV	450	450	450	540	628	628	628	628	659		
Semi Coking Grade I	758	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1024	1096		
Semi Coking Grade II	628	628	628	785	848	848	848	848	907		

ANNEXURE 1
PRICE OF ROM COAL
OVER THE YEARS PRICE AS ON

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS
LTD. (Fig . In Rs.)

Coal produced in collieries listed in	16.06 .94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03. 97	21.0 8.98	31.0 1.2001

Annexure I

A	733.70	772.20	914	1017	1017	1068	1100
B	672.10	710.60	827	920	920	966	1034
C	591.80	630.30	715	768	768	806	862
D	474.10	512.60	512.60	512.60	643	688	736

LONG FLAME COAL

A	667	702	831	924	924	970	999
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	939
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	784
D	431	466	466	466	584	625	669

NON LONG FLAME COAL

A	642	642	771	864	864	907	934
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	872
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	717
D	406	406	406	406	524	561	600
E	322	322	322	322	416	445	497
F	257	257	257	257	332	355	396
G	183	183	183	183	237	254	283

COKING COAL :

Steel Grade I	1048	1048	1310				
Steel Grade II	875	875	1094				
Washery Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1096
Washery Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	848	907
Washery Grade III	483	483	580	627	627	627	671
Washery Grade IV	450	450	540	584	584	584	625
Semi Coking Grade I	758	758	948	1024	1024	1024	1096
Semi Coking Grade II	628	628	785	848	848	848	907

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NORTHERN COALFIELDS LTD. (Fig. In Rs.)

16.06 .94	29.1 2.95	31.0 3.96	19.10.96	31.03. 97	21.0 8.98	31.0 5.99	31.01. 2001

LONG FLAME COAL

A	667	702	831	924	924	970	1028	1147
B	611	646	752	836	836	878	931	1039
C	538	573	650	698	698	733	777	867
D	431	466	466	466	584	625	663	740

NON LONG FLAME COAL

A	642	642	771	864	864	907	961	1072
B	586	586	692	776	776	815	864	964
C	513	513	590	638	638	670	710	792
D	406	406	406	406	524	561	595	664
E	322	322	322	322	416	445	472	527
F	257	257	257	257	332	355	376	420
G	183	183	183	183	237	254	269	300

PRICE OF ROM COAL
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NORTH EASTERN COALFIELDS

16.0	26.08.97	27.11. 2000	22.0 5.2001	
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Gr. A	924	998	1148
Gr. B	741	741	778

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ANNEXURE-II

Ash contents of different grades of coal produced by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries

Grade of Non-coking Coal Corresponding ash percentage and Coal moisture percentage at 60% relative humidity(RH) and 40 degree centigrade at 5% moisture level

A	Not exceeding 19.6	
B	(+) 19.6 and upto 23.9	
C	(+) 23.9 and upto 28.7	
D	(+) 28.7 and upto 34.1	
E	(+) 34.1 and upto 40.1	
F	(+) 40.1 and upto 47.1	
G	(+) 47.1 and upto 55.1	

Coking and semi-coking coal is graded in terms of ash percentage and ash-moisture percentage on the equilibrated basis i.e. 60% relative humidity (R.H.) and 40 degree centigrade for each grade as below:-

Grades of Coking Coal	Ash content			
Steel Grade-I	Not exceeding 15%			
Steel Grade-II	Exceeding	15%	but	not exceeding 18%
Washery Grade-I	Exceeding	18%	but	not exceeding 21%
Washery Grade-II	Exceeding	21%	but	not exceeding 24%
Washery Grade-III	Exceeding	24%	but	not exceeding 28%
Washery Grade -IV	Exceeding	28%	but	not exceeding 35%

Grades of Semi-coking Coal	Ash + moisture content
Semi coking Grade-I	Not exceeding 19%
Semi coking Grade-II	Exceeding 19% but not exceeding 24%

In respect of coal of North Eastern Coalfields there are two grades A & B.Corresponding ash and moisture percentage are as below :-

Grade	Ash & moisture percentage
A	18.85-19.52
B	19.58-23.91

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DEPARTMENT OF COAL

(CA SECTION)

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2. The information was called from CIL, NLC, Lignite andCRCSection of this Department.The information fromCILhas been received and which may kindly be seen at p. â€¦/c. Based on the information available, a draft reply has been attempted and is put up for approval.